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FORUM FOR SENIORS at UTAHC

SUBJECT: FLUORIDE

Good afternoon!

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I appreciate this time to call to your attention that fluoride is being added to cities across
The United States and the compound used by 90 % of these cities has NEVER BEEN
TESTED. The fluoride compound I am speaking of is HYDROFLUOROSILICIC
ACID which is a waste product of the phosphate fertilizer business. This waste
product is not pharmaceutical grade but INDUSTRIAL GRADE FLUORIDE containing
LEAD, ARSENIC, MERCURY, RADIONUCLIDES, BERYLLIUM, VANADIUM,
CADMIUM, and SILICON. Lead, arsenic and mercury are cumulative in the body,
AS WELL AS THE FLUORIDE is cumulative in the body. The only studies that have
been done have been on sodium fluoride and on rats only.

Many seniors take more than one medication often causing synergistic effects that are
worsened by the fact that fluoride is not only cumulative but is an enzyme inhibitor
meaning that fluoride stops life functions and cells die. To further add to the problem
many medicines that seniors take have fluoride in them such as
PROZAC and CIPRO. Many processed food contain fluoride because the cities where
they are manufactured are fluoridated. For a young person, the kidney removes about

50% of the fluoride. HOWEVER, many SENIORS have less than fully functioning kidneys. Also people on kidney dialysis are not able to use FLUORIDED water. THUS seniors are receiving amount way over the recommended 1 part per million.

I am asking you to require that NO CITIES be allowed to add HYDROFLUOROSILICIC ACID to drinking water because:

1. It has never been tested
2. Seniors as well as adults and children who are athletic & drink more water than than the average person get a higher amount of fluoride
3. Adding fluoride to drinking water is MEDICATING WITHOUT PERMISSION.
4. The EPA should invoke the PRECAUTIONARY PRINCIPLE which states that if it is in our power, we have an ethical imperative to prevent rather than merely treat disease even in the face of scientific uncertainty.

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1. EPA SHOULD IMMEDIATELY REQUIRE VAPOR RECOVERY DEVICES ON GASOLINE PUMPS IN THE SAN ANTONIO REGION. THIS ALONE WOULD PROBABLY PUT US INTO ATTAINMENT STATUS.

2. WE NEED TO TEST AREA FISH FOR MERCURY. I KNOW A TEN YEAR OLD BOY WHO HAS EATEN THE FISH FROM AREA LAKES AROUND OUR COAL BURNING POWER PLANTS. HE HAS DEVELOPED TREMORS AND NUMEROUS OTHER SYMPTOMS ASSOCIATED WITH MERCURY INJURIES.

3. WE NEED TO CLEAN UP OUR COAL BURNING POWER PLANTS, NOT GIVE THEM MORE TIME. GRANDFATHERING WILL KILL OUR GRANDCHILDREN.